

*Approved as Amended 2/11/16*  
**OPEN SPACE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
Minutes  
Meeting Date January 13, 2016

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Shelley Dunbar      Frances Hartogh      Molly Davis      Kevin Bracy Knight      Tom Isaacson

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

Tracy Winfree      Jim Reeder      John Potter      Steve Armstead      Mark Gershman  
Deryn Wagner      Juliet Bonnell      Cecil Fenio      Annie McFarland      Gabe Wilson  
Lynn Riedel      Mo Valenta      Emily Garding      Heather Swanson      Phil Yates  
Leah Case      Alycia Alexander

**GUESTS**

Tom Carr, City Attorney

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m.

**AGENDA ITEM 1 – Approval of the Minutes**

Tom Isaacson said on page 3, under Return to the Board, the third sentence should begin with “Tom Isaacson said,” to differentiate between the two Toms present for the discussion. It will read, “Tom Isaacson said there is value for future boards if the ordinance states that they must go through the disposal process.”

Kevin Bracy Knight moved the Open Space Board of Trustees to approve the minutes from Dec. 9, 2015 as amended. Frances Hartogh seconded. This motion passed unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 2 – Public Participation for Items not Identified for Public Hearing**

Suzanne Webel, Longmont, said she is in support of the North Trail Study Area (TSA) Scenario B. She said Joder Ranch was purchased with the purpose of providing an important trail and trailhead from Six-mile Fold to the Beech Property and Buckingham Park. The trailhead would be big enough for both buses and horse trailers. She said the trails on Axelson and West Beech need to be built as well.

Jim Illg, Friends Interested in Dogs on Open Space (FIDOS), said their group has respected the process and negotiated in good faith. He said they would like to see Voice and Sight privileges on the Interim Joder Trail, maintain historical Voice and Sight regulations on Buckingham Trail, and Voice and Sight on-corridor at Lefthand. He said they would also like to see Voice and Sight on-corridor west of Wonderland Lake.

Buzz Burrell, Boulder, said being close to nature is what users are striving for. The documentation provided seems like it is focused on keeping users away from nature. He asked the Board to keep this perspective in mind when building trails in the future.

Karen Hollweg, Friends of Boulder Open Space (FOBOS), asked what has happened to the North TSA process. There have been many meetings defining the process, as well as scenarios and plans for collecting public input. However, now there is a new third scenario, a new survey, and the Boulder County Comprehensive Plan is no longer included. She asked if the process has changed.

Susan Douglass, Boulder, said in an effort to reduce conflict, it would be helpful for the Board to note specific side-board guidance behind their reasoning. Listening to personal wishes may be informed by personal gain rather than knowledge and sideboards. Please honor the integrity, creativity, and science within these plans.

Edie Stevens, Boulder, said there is no mitigation for the destruction of habitat. Boulder prides itself on its environmental values. Scenario B will bifurcate an area cited by Boulder County as having significant importance for bio-diversity. She said she strongly urges the Board to support Scenario A.

Eileen Monyok, FIDOS, said members are interested in more Voice and Sight opportunities including ones closer to homes. She said they narrowed down their requests to what is very reasonable. She said confidence intervals from a study on recreation impacts show equal impacts from all user groups.

Dan Sukle, FIDOS, said this is an opportunity to create balance at Wonderland Lake. There is enough variation in the area for those who do not want to meet dogs off leash.

Chris Morrison, Boulder Area Trails Coalition (BATCO), said routing a trail on the east side will make people cross the highway. The proposed trail on the west side will encourage people to leave cars at home. The section between Boulder and Joder Ranch needs to be something users cherish and enjoy and a place that connects Boulder's people with natural environment.

Mike Conroy, Boulder, said he supports Scenario B. He said he appreciates the need to achieve a balance; however this land is conducive to recreational interests.

Beth Bennett, Boulder, said she supports Scenario B. Data shows that trails do impact wildlife; however roads have a much bigger impact on wildlife than trails do. Data supports the fact that roads are worse than trails on either side.

Chris Ash, Longmont, said he supports Scenario B. It is going to cost \$1.8 million more for Scenario A which includes an underpass. He said he believes there is a trail around Boulder and Scenario B is the way to complete it.

### **AGENDA ITEM 3 – Matters from Staff**

Deryn Wagner, Environmental Planner, gave the Board an update on the lease between Chautauqua and the City of Boulder. This item will be presented to City Council in February, and will come back to the OSBT in April.

Shelley asked when the visitation survey started. Deryn said it started in August and ended in November.

### **AGENDA ITEM 4 – Matters from the Board**

Molly Davis acknowledged the recent death of Dina Brown, a previous and dedicated volunteer and Open Space and Mountain Parks (OSMP) Junior Ranger.

### **AGENDA ITEM 5 – Consideration of a Motion Recommending to the City Council a proposed ordinance clarifying the roles of the Open Space Board of Trustees and City Council in requiring that any transfer of open space land to another department comply with the disposal requirements of Charter section 177.**

Tom Carr, City Attorney, gave an update to the Board on the ordinance regarding a transfer of Open Space land.

**Public Comment**

None.

**Return to the Board**

The Board provided suggestions for slight language/grammatical changes in Attachment A. Molly asked why there was a delay in this ordinance to clarify Transfer Vs. Disposal. Tom Carr said “the delay was press of work and intentional as he was waiting for there not to be a current issue”.

**Motion**

**Frances Hartogh moved that the Open Space Board of Trustees recommend that City Council adopt an ordinance clarifying that a transfer of Open Space lands between the Open Space department and another city department shall be considered a disposal under Charter Section 177, and clarifying other provisions as set forth in Attachment A as amended. Tom Isaacson seconded. This motion passed unanimously.**

**ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

These minutes were prepared by Leah Case.